

reauthorize the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994" (106th Congress), section 6 of the Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program Act of 1994 (16 U.S.C. 668dd note; Public Law 103-340), relating to an environmental education center and refuge, is redesignated as section 7.

(b) Effective on the day after the date of enactment of the Cahaba River National Wildlife Refuge Establishment Act (106th Congress), section 6 of that Act is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking "the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)" and inserting "the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.)"; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking "section 4(a)(3) and (4) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668ee(a)(3), (4))" and inserting "paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 4(a) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a))".

(c) Effective on the day after the date of enactment of the Red River National Wildlife Refuge Act (106th Congress), section 4(b)(2)(D) of that Act is amended by striking "section 4(a)(3) and (4) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668ee(a)(3), (4))" and inserting "paragraphs (3) and (4) of section 4(a) of the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 668dd(a))".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3292, which will establish the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge near Baton Rouge, Louisiana, represented by our colleague, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BAKER).

Under the terms of this legislation, the Secretary of the Interior is directed to acquire by purchase or donation up to 36,000 acres of land that will form the basis of this new exciting refuge.

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The House considered and approved this measure by voice vote. The other body adopted a few technical amendments which we concur in today. In addition, an additional amendment was added naming the visitors center at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge in Virginia after our former colleague, the late Herb Bateman. Congressman Herb Bateman's tireless commitment to what he called America's First District was legendary. This is a fitting tribute to an outstanding man. I urge the adoption of H.R. 3292. I compliment the author, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BAKER) for his superb leadership in shepherding this legislation through the legislative process.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 3292, a bill sponsored by the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. BAKER), a bill that would establish the Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge in the State of Louisiana. The biological diversity and ecological significance of these resources will be a valuable addition to our national wildlife refuge system.

We reviewed the amendments and technical corrections that were added to this legislation by the other body, and we find them helpful and non-controversial. Consequently, we have no objections in passing this amended bill.

Mr. Speaker, it is my understanding that the administration fully supports the provisions of this bill, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendments to the bill, H.R. 3292.

The question was taken.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

SAINT HELENA ISLAND NATIONAL SCENIC AREA

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 468) to establish the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area.

The Clerk read as follows:

Senate amendment:

Page 4, line 1, strike out all after "REQUIREMENTS.—" down to and including "Forest." in line 5 and insert "Within 3 years of the acquisition of 50 percent of the land authorized for acquisition under section 7, the Secretary shall develop an amendment to the land and resources management plan for the Hiawatha National Forest which will direct management of the scenic area."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 468, the Saint Helena Island National Scenic Area, was introduced by our colleague, the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE).

This legislation would establish the area known as Saint Helena Island in the State of Michigan as a National Scenic Area to be included in the Hiawatha National Forest.

H.R. 468 passed the House under suspension of the rules on September 21, 1999, by a recorded vote of 410-2.

The Senate has returned this bill to the House with a technical amendment that clarifies the plan amendment process for management of the area.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of Saint Helena National Scenic Area, as amended, by the Senate.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this legislation.

H.R. 468 authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire from willing sellers most of Saint Helena Island for management as a National Scenic Area. The nearly 270-acre island, which sits a couple of miles offshore from the Hiawatha National Forest shoreline in northern Lake Michigan, is rich in ecological and cultural resources.

The small bit of acreage that does not convey to the Forest Service is owned by the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association. This bill overwhelmingly was passed by the House in September of last year; and in October of this year, the Senate unanimously passed it with a minor amendment.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I want to note the particular good work of the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. KILDEE), my good friend and colleague, certainly for his leadership and for his sponsorship of this important piece of legislation.

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on February 25, 1999, I introduced H.R. 468, the St. Helena Island National Scenic Area Act, and I am pleased that several of my colleagues from Michigan joined me as cosponsors of this effort. As many of you know, the House originally passed the legislation in September of 1999. Our colleagues on the Senate side added an amendment at the request of the National Forest Service. I have no problem with this change, and I am pleased that we are approving the final version of the bill today, clearing the way for its passage into law.

First of all, I would like to thank Chairwoman CHENOWETH-HAGE and Chairman YOUNG for their help in bringing H.R. 468 to the floor of the House. I also appreciate the work of the Ranking Members, ADAM SMITH and GEORGE MILLER. Furthermore, I wish to thank the majority and minority staff for their work on this effort. During committee consideration, I was pleased to work with both the majority and minority to make technical and clarifying amendments, and I believe this resulted in a good

piece of legislation, worthy of bipartisan support.

H.R. 468 is simple—it authorizes the purchases of St. Helena Island from the willing sellers of the Brown and Hammond families. The island would become part of the Hiawatha National Forest, which would manage the island as a national scenic area, and the island would be open to the public for recreational use.

I thank all of my colleagues for their support of this effort.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, H.R. 468.

The question was taken.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX and the Chair's prior announcement, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

EXTENDING AUTHORITY OF LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5083) to extend the authority of the Los Angeles Unified School District to use certain park lands in the city of South Gate, California, which were acquired with amounts provided from the land and water conservation fund, for elementary school purposes.

The Clerk read as follows:

H.R. 5083

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) In 1988, the Los Angeles Board of Education voted to close Tweedy Elementary School in the city of South Gate, California, due to concerns about health risks at the site of the school.

(2) The school was temporarily relocated to South Gate Park on park land that was originally acquired with amounts provided by the Secretary of the Interior from the land and water conservation fund.

(3) In March 1991, the lease with the city that allowed the Los Angeles Unified School District to operate the school on park land expired, and no progress had been made in constructing new facilities to relocate the school and its students.

(4) In 1992, Congress enacted Public Law 102-443 (106 Stat. 2244), which authorized an eight-year extension in the lease for the use of the park land pending the construction of the new school.

(5) This eight-year extension is due to expire on October 23, 2000, and little progress

has been made on the part of the Los Angeles Unified School District to relocate Tweedy Elementary School.

(6) In addition to the long-delayed Tweedy Elementary School relocation, recent studies have identified the need for additional educational facilities in the city of South Gate, including a new high school, junior high, and three primary centers in the near future.

(7) The lack of commitment, oversight, and accountability in finding a new site for Tweedy Elementary School must be corrected in any further lease extension, and a similar situation also must be avoided in addressing the construction of other education facilities in the City of South Gate.

SEC. 2. CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY USE OF PARK LANDS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PURPOSES, SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA.

Notwithstanding section 6(f)(3) of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act of 1965 (16 U.S.C. 4601-8(f)(3)), the city of South Gate, California, may extend until October 23, 2004, the lease between the city of South Gate and the Los Angeles Unified School District, dated June 8, 1988, and otherwise subject to expire on October 23, 2000, pursuant to Public Law 102-443 (106 Stat. 2244), regarding the use of approximately three acres of South Gate Park as the temporary site for Tweedy Elementary School.

SEC. 3. REPORT ON PROGRESS TO RELOCATE TWEEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND OTHER SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION.

(a) PERIODIC REPORTS REQUIRED.—As a condition on the extension of the lease referred to in section 1 beyond October 23, 2000, the President of the Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District shall require the preparation of periodic reports describing—

(1) the progress being made to relocate Tweedy Elementary School from South Gate Park to a permanent location; and

(2) the School District's construction plans for a new high school, middle school, and 3 primary centers in the city of South Gate, California.

(b) ELEMENTS OF REPORT.—Each report under subsection (a) shall describe—

(1) the progress being made in site selection and acquisition, facility design, and construction; and

(2) any factors hindering either the relocation of Tweedy Elementary School or progress on the School District's other construction plans for the city of South Gate.

(c) SUBMISSION.—The reports required by subsection (a) shall be submitted to the City Manager of the city of South Gate, the Congress, the Los Angeles Board of Education, and Padres Unidos Pro Nuevas Escuelas. The first report shall be submitted not later than May 1, 2001, and subsequent reports shall be submitted every six months thereafter during the term of the extended lease.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) and the gentleman from American Samoa (Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN).

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5083 extends the authority of the Los Angeles Unified School District to use certain park lands in the city of South Gate, California, for elementary school purposes.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 5083 is a good piece of legislation that provides school chil-

dren in South Gate, California, with temporary educational facilities. I commend the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD), my colleague, for her hard work in bringing this legislation to the floor. I apologize for keeping her for so long on the floor.

In 1988, the Los Angeles Board of Education voted to close Tweedy Elementary School in the city of South Gate, California, due to concerns about health risks at the site of the school. The school was relocated to South Gate Park on park land that was originally acquired with amounts provided by the Secretary of the Interior from the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

On October 23, 2000, the lease with the city that allowed the Los Angeles Unified School District to operate the school on park land will expire. Little progress has been made on the part of the Los Angeles Unified School District to relocate Tweedy Elementary School.

H.R. 5083 would authorize the city of South Gate, California, to extend the lease between the city of South Gate and the Los Angeles Unified School District as the temporary site for the Tweedy Elementary School until October 23, 2004.

As a condition of the extension of the lease, the president of the Board of Education for the Los Angeles Unified School District shall require the preparation of periodic reports describing the progress made to relocate Tweedy Elementary School from South Gate Park to a permanent location.

It will also require the preparation of periodic reports describing the school district's construction plans for a new high school, middle school and three primary centers in the city of South Gate, California. These reports shall be submitted to the city manager of South Gate, to the Congress, and the Los Angeles Board of Education.

This is a worthy cause that will provide the students in South Gate, California, with essential educational facilities. H.R. 5083 is simple legislation that resolves a very difficult problem for these students. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Mr. Speaker, I wanted to thank the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN), my good friend, for his management of these pieces of legislation. I want to also offer my apologies to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD), our colleague, who has been so patient in wanting to get this bill that she has worked so hard in her efforts to provide legislation for, H.R. 5083.

Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD).